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## Chapter 18

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Repeated Forgiveness  
Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

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# Binding and Loosing of Sins

Matthew 18:15-20

A Pastoral approach to reconciliation

1. One on one discussion
2. Intervention with trusted witnesses
3. Reconciliation through the public ministry of the Church
4. Excommunication

*(not punitive but a recognition of unresolved sin which has caused a real separation, in hopes of future reconciliation and restoration.)*

# Binding and Loosing of Sins

Matthew 18:18

"Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

To whom is Jesus speaking?

In context, what is being bound or loosed?

# Binding and Loosing of Sins

Matthew 18:19

"Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.""

See the prayer of St. Chrysostum.

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